

REMARKS

This is in response to the Final rejection dated June 6, 2008. Reconsideration of the final rejection in view of the amendments to the claims is respectfully requested.

First, the amendment has corrected claim 24, and has also amended claim 3 to provide antecedent basis for the term “container”.

However, most importantly, claims 1 and 4, the independent claims that have been rejected are now drafted as combination claims, using a small loader and an attachment combined.

The Examiner noted in the rejection that a combination was not being claimed previously, but it is now believed that such combination is being claimed and is not shown in the references, particularly as now shown, or anticipated by the Richey patent. In particular, claim 1 includes a small loader having a frame and lift arms, with the lift arms used in combination with attachment that is mounted on the lift arms to move therewith as the lift arms are raised and lowered. The outer ends of the lift arms are specified as being adjacent the forward end of the loader frame.

It is believed the claims that depend from claim 1 are also allowable. Claim 8 has been amended to reflect that the loader is being claimed.

In claim 4, it is specifically a combination of a small loader having a frame and lift arms pivotally mounted to the frame, and an attachment for the small loader comprising the attachment support mounted on a first pivot. The link for causing pivotal movement of the attachment support as the lift arms are moved relative to the second pivot is not recited as being below the first pivot with the lift arms in a lowered position. The cylinder is stated to be operable to raise and lower the lift arms. This structure clearly defines patentably over the cited British patent 757,638.

Again, it is respectfully submitted that the combination is being claimed in a manner that defines over the cited art, and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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